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Firm Works To Lighten Ferry Hulk

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FLEETON — Preliminary work to lighten the hulk of the old ferry boat Accomac so she can be pulled off the Fleeton Beach Shoals got under way Wednesday.

A crew directed by Capt. John Fiocca of Clinton, Md., started putting equipment aboard the Accomac, which grounded a half mile off the beach Oct. 2 after breaking away from an earlier stranding off Dameron's Marsh in Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Great Wicomico River.

Fiocca said as much of her concrete bow as necessary will be taken out by a barge-mounted crane. Then she will, it is hoped, float free to be towed to her original destination, a Baltimore shipbreaker, to be cut up for scrap.

Fiocca was unable to say how long the job would take, but indicated it might be several weeks. He also sought workers to cut up the steel inside the hulk.

The tug Hemco of Fiocca's firm, the Clinton Auto and Marine Salvage Co., bought the barge Monday night.

Shore headquarters for the salvage effort are at the Fleeton Point Marina, but Fiocca said the work crew would stay aboard the Accomac as soon as accommodations could be set up.

J. E. LaPrade, owner of the marina, delivered provisions to the watchmen left aboard during the past week. The Hemco madea n unsuccessful attempt to break the Accomac free last week then wentt o get heavier e quipment.

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